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This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed July 14, 2003, for withdrawal of abandonment of the above identified application based on filing of a timely reply. The delay in acting on this petition is regretted.

A review of the file history shows that the examiner mailed an Office action to applicants on November 19, 2002, setting a three month shortened statutory period for reply. Upon failure to receive a reply the examiner mailed a Notice of Abandonment to applicants on July 1, 2003. Applicants state that a timely reply was filed May 6, 2003, accompanied by a three month extension of time request and fee. The submission was not correlated with the file until after the Notice of Abandonment was mailed. As a consequence the Office mailed a letter rescinding the improperly mailed Notice of abandonment on November 5, 2003, prior to the time this petition was reached for action.

The petition is **DISMISSED** as having been rendered moot by the letter of November 5, 2003..

An Office action has recently been mailed in this application and applicants' reply is awaited..

Should there be any questions about this decision please contact William R. Dixon, Jr., by letter addressed to Director, TC 1600, at the address listed above, or by telephone at 571-272-0519 or by facsimile sent to the general Office facsimile number.

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